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NorQuest names next president

COLLEGE BOARD NorQuest College board of governors announced its next president and CEO yesterday.

Dr. Jodi Abbott will begin her new duties effective July 1.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Abbott as president-designate of NorQuest College," board chair Wendy Kinsella said in a release.

Abbott will join NorQuest in July from her current position as senior vice-president, quality performance improvement for Alberta Health Services.

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M.E. LaZerte Composite High School **Trying hard**

ANDREAS MORSE/METRO EDMONTON

Almost 150 students at M.E. LaZerte Composite High School celebrate yesterday after participating in the school's Tri 4 Cancer triathlon. Thirty-six teams competed in a 2,000-metre swim, three-hour bike ride and a 20-kilometre run. Each team raised at least $500 in order to compete in the annual fundraiser. The school has already raised more than $25,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

No jail for oil execs

Syncrude bosses won't face prison for dead ducks

Win or lose, executives of oilsands giant Syncrude will not face jail time for the deaths of 1,600 ducks on one of its oilsands tailings ponds.

Federal prosecutor Kent Brown said yesterday that while one environmental charge against the company includes a maximum penalty of six months in jail for executives, he won't ask for that even if he wins the case.

"That was never a consideration from our perspective that we would ever seek a prison term," Brown said outside court.

"It's just our view of the proper approach in this particular case."

Syncrude is defending itself against two charges — one federal and one provincial — that it failed to keep the ducks off a chemical pond near Fort McMurray two years ago.

The ducks died after they landed on the viscous black bitumen on the surface of the pond and couldn't get free.

Some became covered in oil and sunk, while others were eaten alive by ravens.

Syncrude, a consortium of oil companies developing the oilsands, was charged under Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act.

The company has been on trial for two months in provincial court north of Edmonton.

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Penalty

- The maximum penalty under provincial law is a $500,000 fine, while the federal penalty is a maximum $300,000 penalty and jail terms up to six months for executives.

Katz group wants your say

OPEN HOUSE Spokespeople for the Katz Group said they are ready to hear what Edmontonians have to say about the proposed downtown sports and entertainment district.

The group will be hosting an open house May 6 where it will provide those interested with information about the proposed concept plan, improvements to support street level activity, features of the arena, parking, pedestrian and vehicular traffic, connections to public transit and sustainable design principals.

"We are embarking upon one of the most important dialogues in the last 10 years in the city — today's announcement is the next step in that public engagement," said Bob Black, the project lead for the Edmonton Arena District.

Representatives of the Katz Group, Stantec Consulting (planning and engineering), Bunt & Associates (transportation), AEG (development of the entertainment district), and other design and technical experts will be at the open house answering questions. The open house will feature conceptual drawings but will not include architectural designs or discussions on any potential funding models. The public open house takes place at the Art Gallery of Alberta May 6 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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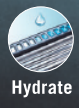

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Beauty And The Beast back

Disney's Beauty And The Beast is back by popular demand at the Citadel Theatre. The play runs throughout May. Tickets range in prices between $60 and $90 and are available at the box office or online at www.citadeltheatre.com

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News in brief

CORRECTION In the April 23-25 weekend edition of Metro Edmonton, it was announced the first-ever Gorilla Run in Canada was being staged in this city. The event has actually been staged in other Canadian cities in the past. Metro Edmonton apologizes for any inconvenience caused in this matter.

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Edmonton International Jazz Festival executive director Kent Sangster says Kid Koala, above, will be a fresh addition to this year's lineup. Below: Performers Carol Welsman and Chick Corea.

Jazzing up the Jazz Festival

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When jazz fans think of their favourite acts, Kid Koala may not be the first artist to come to mind.

But the theme of this year's Edmonton International Jazz Festival is "A Jazz for Everyone," and nailing down the celebrated Montreal DJ may be just the thing to draw new blood to one of the city's prominent musical fests.

"(He's) a great artist and, yes, it will be a way to get young people into the festival," said Kent Sangster, executive director of the Edmonton Jazz Festival Society. "Certainly Kid Koala is a bit of a departure, but we're very excited about him."

This year's lineup is particularly eclectic, with Montreal crooner Nikki Yanofsky, British sensation Ola Onabule, American piano legend Chick Corea and others at venues all over town, including the TransAlta Arts Barns, Starlite Room, Citadel Theatre, the Winspear Centre and more.

The festival runs June 25-July 4. For more information, check out www.edmontonjazz.com.

News in brief

ARTS The second Edmonton Timeraiser is calling for artists to submit their work. Selected pieces will be bought for up to $800, and then be part of a special silent auction. Instead of offering money, bidders at the timeraiser offer volunteer time to various agencies. The submission deadline for artists is 5 p.m. May 31. For more information, go online to www.timeraiser.ca

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YESS, it's a makeover

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While the kids were away, Enbridge Pipelines employees came over to play.

More accurately, about 30 Enbridge volunteers came out to the Youth Emergency Shelter Society's (YESS) START House yesterday to perform an extreme makeover on the home's 10 bedrooms while the kids were at school.

"By the time they (volunteers) leave today, every bedroom is going to be different and they're going to be absolutely amazing," said YESS executive director Deb Cautley. "It's not about Enbridge. For Enbridge it's about the kids. It's about what they can do to make the kids' lives better."

The START House facility is used for homeless and at-risk kids who are dealing with some of their issues and barriers.

"START House is pretty much a well-kept secret, a lot of people don't know it's here," Cautley said. "Really, it's a client-directed program where the kids steer their own course. But we're there to help them and to give them some of the tools they need and the resources that exist in the community so they're not always coming back to us for help."

The makeover was funded through Enbridge's $50,000 contribution raised through its United Way campaign.

"Giving back to the community is something we do on a regular basis," said Lorna St. Thomas, senior adviser of community partnerships and investment for Enbridge Pipelines. "We had a huge waiting list for employees wanting to come but we had to limit it because the house is only so big."

Enbridge has been a long-time supporter of YESS and sponsors programming under the Safety pillar at the new Armoury Youth Centre.

Two charged in home invasion

SHERWOOD PARK Two men have been charged in connection with a home invasion and assault that took place in Sherwood Park April 16.

Rudy Jay McCoy, 37, and Robert Allen Devine, 40, have been charged with numerous offences including enter and commit assault, after two masked suspects entered a house in the Adam Lily Acres subdivision and assaulted the home's 57-year-old owner and his 25-year-old son.

Both of the victims were treated at hospital for serious head wounds as a result of being hit with a baseball bat and baton and have since been released.

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Speaker reaffirms supremacy of Parliament

Peter Milliken, Speaker of the Commons, ruled yesterday that the Harper government's refusal to hand over uncensored documents on Afghan detainees violates the privilege of the House, and has given Ottawa two weeks to reach a compromise to allow MPs to see the documents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada/World

Baby couch potatoes

Canada has created a nation of baby couch potatoes, where more than half of preschoolers are dangerously inactive, according to an annual report card on physical activity.

Children between ages one and five need at least two hours of exercise each day, whether it's exploring the playground, playing games or walking to the grocery store, says the 2010 report card from Active Healthy Kids Canada, released yesterday.

But less than half are getting the daily movement they need for healthy growth and development, putting them at risk for obesity and other health problems and on a slow-motion trajectory before they've finished kindergarten.

"Active play may be fun, but it's not frivolous," says Mark Tremblay, chief scientific officer of the research and advocacy organization. "Kids have a biological need to move."

When they are plunked in front of the TV or strapped into strollers and car seats for the sake of adult convenience, "there are measurable cognitive, social, emotional and physical consequences," he added. "We're messing with Mother Nature."

Many parents assume that because toddlers and preschoolers appear to be in perpetual motion, they're getting enough exercise. But while chasing, jumping and climbing used to be a way of life for young children, research shows that modern lifestyles are conditioning them out of their instinct to move around. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ukraine **Parliamentary battle**

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Ukraine's parliament voted yesterday to extend Russia's lease of a Crimean naval port for the Black Sea Fleet in a chaotic session during which opposition and pro-presidential lawmakers fought against each other.

Wal-Mart gender suit to go to trial

RULING A sharply divided federal appeals court on Monday exposed Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to billions of dollars in legal damages when it ruled a massive class action lawsuit alleging gender discrimination over pay for female workers can go to trial.

In its 6-5 ruling, the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said the world's largest private employer will have to face charges that it pays women less than men for the same jobs and that female employees receive fewer promotions and have to wait longer for those promotions than male counterparts. The retailer has fiercely fought the lawsuit since it was first filed by six women in federal court in San Francisco in 2001 and said it would appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ruling "opens up every company in America that has employees to class actions like this," said a Wal-Mart lawyer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa **Wireless controversy**

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A committee of MPs heard conflicting evidence on the safety of cellphones and other wireless technology yesterday, as well as opposing views on whether Canada's safety standards are strong enough. Among those voicing their viewpoints was electrical teacher Francois Therrien, pictured, of a group called Save our Children from Microwaves.

News in brief

CRIME A price tag for part of the Conservatives' law-and-order agenda is about to be made public — and the number is in the billions, far higher than previous estimates. The parliamentary budget officer forecasts implementing just one of the Tories' many tough-on-crime bills will cost $7 billion to $10 billion over the next five years. The report is likely to provoke a showdown between the PBO and the government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. senators poke Facebook

PRIVACY Four U.S. senators want Facebook to make it easier for its more than 400 million users to protect their privacy as the website develops new outlets to share personal information.

The call for simpler privacy controls came in a letter that the senators, including Charles Schumer (D-NY), planned to send yesterday to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Mark Zuckerberg

It marked the second time in three days Schumer has expressed his misgivings about a series of changes Facebook announced last week. The new features are designed to unlock more of the data that the online hangout has accumulated about people during its six-year history. Schumer sent a letter Sunday to the Federal Trade Commission calling for regulators to draw up clearer privacy guidelines for Facebook and other social networks to follow.

In a written response to Schumer, Facebook agreed that more scrutiny over privacy was needed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SCOTLAND Newly released documents on display yesterday show that during the 1930s, police were convinced some sort of creature inhabited Loch Ness — so sure, in fact, that they worried about how to protect it from big-game hunters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jury's out for alleged Palin hacker

The case against a man charged with hacking into Sarah Palin's email went to a federal jury yesterday in eastern Tennessee. David Kernell, 22, is accused of invading the then-Alaska governor's Yahoo email account in 2008 and exposing personal phone numbers and email addresses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADRIANA SAPONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Giovanni Tegano is escorted by two police officers in Reggio Calabria, Italy, yesterday. Tegano was on the list of Italy's top 30 most wanted fugitives.

Italian police nab mobster

A veteran mobster was arrested after 17 years on the run, but a sympathetic crowd cheered him on yesterday as he was escorted out of a police barracks and taken to jail.

Giovanni Tegano, a member of the 'ndrangheta organized-crime group, was on the list of Italy's top 30 most wanted fugitives.

Officials described the 70-year-old as a notorious figure in the crime-ridden area and hailed his arrest as a tough blow to the 'ndrangheta, a crime syndicate based in the poor region of Calabria.

Police cordoned off the cheering crowd of scores of people as Tegano was leaving the police headquarters in Reggio Calabria, southern Italy, yesterday.

"Giovanni is a man of peace!" one woman shouted. The white-haired, bespectacled Tegano smiled and waved back.

A top police official called Tegano "one of the 'ndrangheta's most important figures."

The 'ndrangheta, linked to crime around the world, is today considered more powerful than the Sicilian Mafia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

PENNSYLVANIA A retired jeweller sorting through items donated to a charity spotted one fabulous find: a 2.6-carat diamond and platinum ring. Officials from Goodwill Industries say the ring has been appraised at $17,600, making it the most expensive item ever donated to Goodwill Industries Keystone Area in Pennsylvania.

THAILAND Protesters forced a shutdown of Bangkok's busy elevated train system yesterday and promised to expand their street demonstrations, escalating weeks of anti-government demonstrations.

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Noah's Ark found, group claims

BIBLE A group of Christian researchers claimed yesterday they have found the remains of Noah's Ark, located four kilometres up the side of Turkey's Mt. Ararat. The famed mount is the biblical docking point of the vessel, which carried Noah, his family and representatives of all the world's animals safely while God flooded the Earth. In the Book of Genesis, the ark is said to have come to rest in the "mountains of Ararat."

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There are two sides to every story

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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Unlike Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, I've seen James Cameron's blockbuster movie Avatar.

If you haven't seen it yet, I recommend it. It's science fantasy set 125 years in the future on a planet far, far away. Earthlings, hot for a metal called "unobtanium," colonize and then push around giant, blue indigenous people in order to obtain as much unobtanium as possible.

They make a mess of beautiful Pandora, much the way the oilsands are making a mess of northern Alberta. Struck by the parallels, George Poitras, an aboriginal leader from Alberta, invited Cameron to see the oilsands for himself. Not to be outdone, Stelmach extended his own invitation, hoping to co-opt the inevitable photo op featuring the Hollywood director rescuing ducks from tailing ponds.

Cameron is probably wondering what he got himself into. It's his own fault: He threw unobtanium on the fire by calling the oilsands a "black eye" on Canada's reputation, saying it's the "wrong solution" for our energy requirements. Well, the reason the oilsands exist at all is that they are the only solution, as all the alternative energy sources don't even come close to meeting our needs — and they come with their own problems.

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If you don't think those are serious, you're not familiar with the giant stink in B.C., my home province, over hydroelectric power, generally viewed as clean energy when compared to petroleum.

Avatar is a cautionary tale about what happens when greed rules. I won't spoil the ending; there are still plenty of people who want to see it — it's the fastest selling home video of all time: 6.7 million copies in four days.

Not bad for a retelling of the old Cowboys vs. Indians dusters we cut our teeth on, although this time, the Indians are the good guys.

But look, it's a fantasy. Here on Gaia, Cameron needs plenty of unobtanium to power his 8,272-square-foot mansion, dirt bikes, Ducati, Ford GT, Corvettes, submersibles, etc. At one point, he owned a helicopter. He flew a private jet to protest the construction of a dam in Brazil. I'm not saying he's a hypocrite — but he lives in Malibu, for goodness sake — and is at the very least conflicted.

So, Ed Stelmach should rent Cameron's movie. He might look at the environment as something other than a necessary evil. And Cameron should visit Stelmach's oilsands and find out what makes his ginormous carbon footprint possible.

And then the two of them should get real.

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Word on the street: If you could fill the governor general position with any Canadian you wanted, who would it be?

Jed Johns
Edmonton

A: I would have to say Leonard Cohen ... I would pick him because he seems like a really down-to-earth guy and someone who is very humble. He basically emphasized Canadian values.

Claire Early
Edmonton

A: I like Michaëlle Jean, but she's pretty adamant on leaving. If she doesn't want to do it, I'll have to go with Michael J. Fox. Simply because I like him.

Barry Symbaluk
Edmonton

A: I'll have to go with Don Cherry. I'd think he'd make a good governor general because he's pretty political. He's also really opinionated and definitely Canadian.

Rebecca Hall
Ottawa

A: William Shatner because his ability to be the captain of a starship and be a beat poet is pretty impressive.

Greg Lawson
Halifax

A: Romeo Dallaire. He's done a lot for this country. I think he's very deserving.

Seanna Harkness
Toronto

A: Mike Meyers. He's intelligent and compassionate, and he always sticks up for Canadians. Plus he's funny.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

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Consumers still cautious: Poll

All the economic indicators have been pointing up, but Canadians have yet to fully buy into the economic recovery, a new survey suggests.

The Conference Board of Canada's consumer confidence index fell a surprising and statistically significant 7.8 points this month to 84.8, the lowest it's been since December.

The gloomy finding comes as a U.S. survey found consumer confidence there rising, although the mood of Americans remained far more pessimistic in comparison with Canadians. "It's a little bit disconcerting when we've had a lot of positive news of late," said Todd Crawford, an economist with the Ottawa-based think-tank. While employment has been trending up, Canadians may be disappointed with the pace of job creation, Crawford said, adding that they may also have been influenced by expectations that the Bank of Canada plans to start raising interest rates.

Canada's chartered banks have already stepped ahead of the curve with a string of rate hikes that have added about one per cent to the fixed rate on longer-term mortgages. The Royal Bank and TD Bank edged rates up slightly again Monday by 0.15 per cent. TD Bank economist David Onyett-Jeffries said the Canadian result would be more worrying if it were part of a trend.

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Dubai Armani in the sky

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Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani, left, claps with Emaar Properties chairman Mohammed Al Abbar yesterday during a press conference at the opening of Armani Hotel in Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

iPhone investigation leads to police seizures

TECH Authorities seized computers, digital cameras, a cellphone and other items from a blog editor who posted pictures and details of a lost iPhone prototype.

A computer-crime task force made up of multiple law enforcement agencies searched Gizmodo editor and blogger Jason Chen's house and car in Fremont, Calif., on Friday, according to a statement and search warrant documents provided by Gizmodo.

The warrant, issued by a Superior Court judge in San Mateo County, said the computers and other devices may have been used to commit a felony.

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In brief

FORD Ford Motor Co. said yesterday it earned $2.1 billion U.S. in the first quarter, another sign the economy is improving as people spend more on big-ticket items like cars. The automaker expects to be solidly profitable this year, a year earlier than its previous guideline. Ford said its net income per share was 50 cents for the quarter, way up from the same period last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goldman Sachs officials grilled

SENATE Top Goldman Sachs officials defended their conduct in the financial crisis before a Senate panel yesterday, flatly disputing the U.S. government's fraud allegations against the giant financial house.

But they ran into a wall of bipartisan wrath before a Senate panel investigating Goldman's role in the financial crisis and the Securities and Exchange Commission fraud suit against it and one of its traders.

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Flyers' Laperriere likely done for season

The Philadelphia Flyers say forward Ian Laperriere has a brain contusion and mild concussion and is probably out for the rest of the season. Laperriere was hit by a puck blocking a shot during the third period of last Thursday's first-round playoff game with the New Jersey Devils. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Savard given OK to play

Marc Savard, left, has been cleared to play and will be available for the Boston Bruins' second-round playoff series against Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli made the announcement yesterday during a conference call, saying Savard was tested by Dr. Jeremy Schmahamann the previous day and got the OK to return to the ice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Bayern Munich brushed aside Lyon 3-0 yesterday to appear in its first Champions League final in nine years. Bayern will go for its fifth European Cup against either Barcelona or Inter Milan in the May 22 final. Barcelona hosts Inter today, with Inter leading 3-1.

NBA The family of late Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin has agreed to the "major economic terms" of a deal to sell its stake in the NBA team to Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis.

NFL The Carolina Panthers traded starting strong safety Chris Harris to the Chicago Bears on yesterday, continuing their off-season roster overhaul. The Panthers got reserve linebacker Jamar Williams in the deal, while Harris returns to Chicago less than three years after he was traded to Carolina. Harris was deemed expendable after he struggled some in 2009 and Carolina added depth at safety.

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Detroit Red Wings centre Pavel Datsyuk scores past Phoenix Coyotes goalie Ilya Bryzgalov last night in Glendale, Ariz. Detroit won 6-1 to advance to the next round.

Wings crush Coyotes

(Detroit wins series 4-3)

Red Wings 6 Coyotes 1

VS

The Detroit Red Wings spoiled the big party in Arizona, bringing the Phoenix Coyotes back to Earth with a resounding thud in a 6-1 rout in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series last night.

Pavel Datsyuk scored twice in a span of less than two minutes and Nicklas Lidstrom had two goals a day shy of his 40th birthday for the Red Wings. Detroit, a Stanley Cup finalist the past two seasons, won in Arizona for the third time in the series to advance to a Western Conference second-round matchup with top-seeded San Jose.

Vernon Fiddler scored the Coyotes' only goal on a second-period faceoff.

The fifth-seeded Red Wings bombarded goalie Ilya Bryzgalov from the start, outshooting Phoenix 50-33, including 39-21 in the first two periods. Bryzgalov held on through a scoreless first period, but Detroit scored four goals in the second en route to its first Game 7 win on the road in 46 years.

Jimmy Howard made 32 saves for the Red Wings.

Coyotes captain Shane Doan, the only player still around who was on the team when Phoenix last made the playoffs in 2002, missed his fourth straight game with an upper body injury.

The Red Wings had blown a chance to clinch the series at home on Sunday, when the fourth-seeded Coyotes won 5-2. That set up the decisive game in Glendale, where a capacity white-clad crowd anticipated something much different than the Detroit drubbing that unfolded before them.

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Cavs earn another shot at Celtics

(Cleveland wins 4-1)

Bulls 94 Cavaliers 96

CHICAGO BULLS VS CAVALIERS

LeBron James just missed a triple-double despite an apparently sore right elbow, and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to a playoff date with Boston by beating Chicago 96-94 in Game 5 last night in perhaps Vinny Del Negro's final game as Bulls coach.

James, favouring a tender right elbow that appears to hurt worse than he's letting on, scored 19 points and added 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Cavs finally saddled the stubborn Bulls to win the series 4-1. Unable to lift his right arm, James was forced to shoot a free throw left-handed with 7.8 seconds left.

Antawn Jamison scored 25 points for Cleveland, which will face the Celtics, reuniting teams that don't like each other and who played a testy seven-game series in 2008.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 6 Phoenix 1 (Wings win series 4-3)

TODAY'S GAME

Montreal at Washington, 5 p.m. (Series tied 3-3)

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 96 Miami 86 (Celtics win series 4-1)
Cleveland 96 Chicago 94 (Cavaliers win series 4-1)
Dallas 103 San Antonio 81 (Spurs lead series 3-2)
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers

TODAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6 p.m. (Series tied 2-2)
Utah at Denver, 8:30 p.m. (Jazz lead series 3-1)

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Boston 2 Toronto 1
Minnesota 2 Detroit 0
Tampa Bay 8 Oakland 6
Baltimore 5 N.Y. Yankees 4
Texas 4 Chicago White Sox 2
Seattle 3 Kansas City 2
Cleveland at L.A. Angels

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

N.Y. Mets 4 L.A. Dodgers 0
N.Y. Mets 10 L.A. Dodgers 5 (2nd game)
San Diego 4 Florida 1
Washington 3 Chicago Cubs 1
Pittsburgh 7 Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 5 Atlanta 4
Cincinnati 6 Houston 2
Colorado 12 Arizona 1
Philadelphia at San Francisco

TODAY'S AL GAMES

Seattle at Kansas City, 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 5:07 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 5:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 6:05 p.m.

TODAY'S NL GAMES

San Diego at Florida, 10:10 a.m.
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 11:10 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 11:10 a.m.
Washington at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 1:10 p.m.
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How all the best employers do it

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A new poll reveals the top places to work in Canada, but do Coldplay concerts and tree-planting days really boost a company's bottom line?

Jen Wetherow is the director of Great Place to Work Canada. She says the company's list measures credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

"When you work with your people in a way that makes your employees happier, you end up with happier clients and stakeholders,'" she says.

Anyone can nominate a firm and GPTW then invites the workplaces to participate. A private survey is then sent to employees. The answers to this "trust index" account for two-thirds of a company's score. The other third comes a GPTW "culture audit" of the company's HR policies on things like maternity leave and same-sex partner rights.

Bruce MacLellan is president of Environics, which came in first this year. The public relations firm is known for taking staff to Coldplay concerts and the "mandatory" vacations it pays for when staff reach milestone years.

He says getting poster slogans off the walls and into real life takes work. He likens it to building a hockey team over several years.

"Leaders have to lead to set directions, values and priorities, but then everyone on the team has to contribute," he says. When MacLellan leaves early for family reasons, he lets his staff know, thereby setting the tone for a healthy work-life balance. Environics had a mini baby boom last year, creating overlapping maternity leaves that were hard to handle. It responded by improving its flex hours and guaranteeing staff a daycare spot.

"If we see people here past 6 o'clock for more than a couple of nights in a row, we see that as a problem," MacLellan says.

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One of the things that earned Environics the the top spot on Great Place to Work Canada's list, was taking staff to Coldplay concerts.

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Researchers at a university in Berlin have developed software which allows a driver to steer a car with his eyes. A team from Freie Universität's Artificial Intelligence Group demonstrated the system, installed in a Dodge Grand Caravan named the Spirit of Berlin. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

The ultimate prize

The Tesla Roadster was offered as a prize on the Earth Day edition of The Price Is Right. The eco-friendly sports car was the most expensive giveaway ever on the TV show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Ford shows Super power

The all-new 2011 Super Duty a solid pickup with a green heart

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Sometimes big just isn't big enough. Following the redesign of its F-150 pick-up truck, Ford now unveils the all-new 2011 Super Duty, with new diesel and gasoline engines that deliver double-digit mileage improvement.

The Super Duty comes as the F-250 and F-350 pickup; in pickup or chassis cab as the F-450; and as the chassis-cab-only F-550.

The new 6.2-litre gasoline engine produces 385 horsepower and 405 lb-ft of torque, versus the 300/365 of the outgoing 5.4-litre V8. The big news is the 6.7-litre Power Stroke turbodiesel, at 390 horses and a house-pulling 735 lb-ft of twist. That's 85 lb-ft more than the previous 6.4-litre diesel, although General Motors has recently announced that its upcoming all-new diesel will make a segment-topping 765 lb-ft of torque.

The new Power Stroke is also Ford's first North American diesel designed and built in-house, following an acrimonious divorce from previous engine supplier International.

Trucks this big are exempt from government fuel ratings, but Ford claims an improvement of 18 per cent better on diesel, and 15 per cent improvement on gasoline versus the old engines.

The 2011 Ford Super Duty

Using the vehicle's trip computer, and carrying four people and a 1,000-lb load, my diesel F-350 single-rear-wheel test truck registered the equivalent of 8.1 L/100 km (35 mpg) in mostly highway driving.

The fuel savings should help offset the diesel's hefty premium of $9,950. Equipped with gasoline engines, and available in Regular, SuperCab and SuperCrew, the Super Duty's starting prices range from $35,499 for a base Regular cab, to a high of $59,599, which gets you the F-450 dual-wheel SuperCrew.

2011 Ford Super Duty

Type: Pickup truck
Price: from $35,499
Engine: 6.2L gasoline /6.7L diesel
HP: 385/390

Highlights

- Big improvements in fuel economy
- Big-car smoothness

The diesel is so quiet that it sounds like a gasoline engine, and the truck rides with big-car smoothness, even when there's no load in the bed. The days of trucks that rattle and bounce over every little bump in the road are over.

Towing enhancements include trailer sway control, integrated brake controller, a diesel engine brake, and hill start assist. Conventional towing maxes at 7,257 kg (16,000 lbs), while fifth-wheel goes up to 11,067 kg (24,400 lbs); a factory-installed optional fifth wheel/gooseneck package adds an additional cross-member, laser-cut holes for the hitch, and a harness plug inside the bed.

A new optional driver information screen even keeps mileage records on various trailers entered in its memory.

The heavy-duty segment is small but vital, and buyers are looking for ability and economy.

With this new truck, Ford is coming to the job site with both.

VW Touareg

VW brings hybrid Touareg

NEW MODEL Volkswagen has announced the second generation Touareg showcasing the brand's first-ever hybrid.

Taking the Touareg to the forefront of its class are three available engines to suit a variety of different drivers: A V6 FSI gasoline engine, a V6 TDI Clean Diesel engine, and a V6 TSI gasoline hybrid engine.

With the hybrid model, a 3.0-litre supercharged, direct injection V6 gasoline engine is paired with a special electric motor that reduces fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by about 40 per cent.

An eight-speed automatic transmission (the first of its kind in an SUV) keeps power always available while helping the Touareg Hybrid achieve approximately 25 and 21 mpg during highway and city driving respectively.

A special clutch can disengage the transmission from the engine when the engine is not powering the Touareg, allowing it to coast forward emission free to further aid in fuel savings. FROM CARGUIDE

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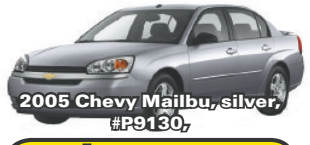
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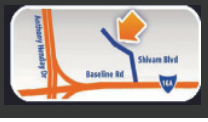

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Station wagon returns

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Coolness can swing in another direction in a moment's notice. One day you're swaggering around in acid-wash jeans and big hair, happily playing air guitar to Slayer, then suddenly, a couple of decades later, people start avoiding you at parties.

But true coolness cannot be denied. Don't know if you noticed, but acid jeans have made a mild comeback, and so has the station wagon.

For a lot of years, the station wagon was the only vehicle option for larger families.

Then came the minivan, the SUV, and the crossover, and various experiments and presto! The station wagon becomes so last century, which is when it was actually invented.

The term dates from the era of rail travel. The vehicles hired to pick up and drop off people needed extra room at the back for luggage.

Individual operators modified their sedans accordingly, and later, so did the automakers. This type of vehicle became the "wagon" that toiled around the "station."

Fuelling the station wagon's current swing back to coolness is the arrival of some really slick high-end models — like Audi A6 Avant and Cadillac CTS Wagon.

Sporty, high-end station wagons have always had a small, dedicated following, but recently they're also welcoming buyers defecting from overly ostentatious SUVs and crossovers.

Paul Dineen, CTS marketing manager for Canada, told us the Sport Wagon gives Cadillac "a fresh product message" and "laid the groundwork for future CTS models."

Those future models would be the CTS Coupe, and a higher-octane version of wagon, the latter just debuting at the recent New York auto show.

Like the CTS-V sedan, the CTS-V wagon will pack a 6.2-litre supercharged V8, good for 556 horsepower, and can be ordered with a 6-speed manual transmission. Now that's a wagon!

Dineen anticipates wagons to be eight to 10 per cent of the mid luxury segment.

My friend Bob recently picked up a 2003 BMW 325i Touring.

Like other devotees of sporty wagons, he points to the lower centre of gravity and inherent sportiness these vehicles offer over taller, heavier alternatives.

He puts it this way: "You can have fun driving it to Home Depot, and still come back with a load of building supplies."

There's also some new and cool wagon action at the lower end of the market, though when it comes to these shorter cars, the definition gets murky, whether they are a traditional station wagon or a "squared off" five-door hatch.

At any rate, my current faves in the compact segment are Mini Clubman, Volkswagen Golf Wagon, and Hyundai Elantra Touring.

The Elantra Touring was styled in Europe, and exhibits some of the flair of the more expensive wagons. Hyundai Canada's VP of marketing, John Vermine, notes sales of Touring is up 20 per cent over last year (when it was first introduced).

He noted also that many customers "come into our dealerships to look at the Elantra sedan, and leave with the Elantra Touring."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Travel

Biking the Grand Canyon

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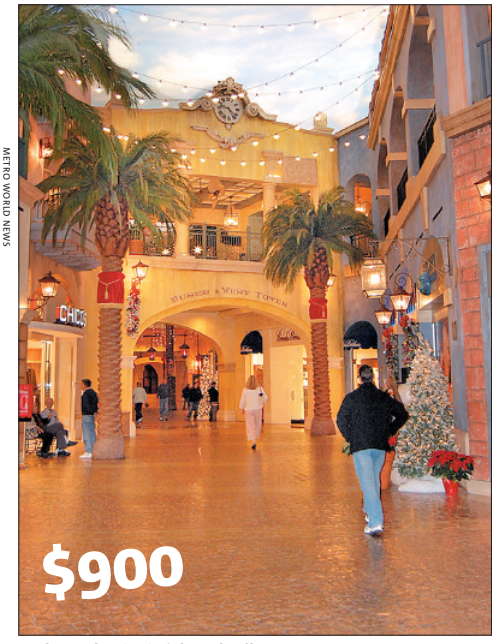

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"If at all possible don't miss the opportunity to spend at least a day in Havana strolling through the streets and experiencing it's world renown music scene," says Allison Wallace, communications manager for Flight Centre Canada.

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Two flights, four-star accommodation for two from Cheapflights.ca, for a Friday to Monday stay will set you and a friend back $450 each to see the sights, play some tables and explore the piers.

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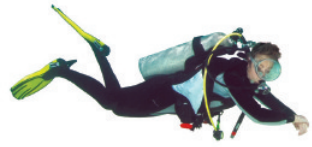

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Entertainment

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Music video comeback

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

"There's a pressure to outdo oneself with every music video," admits the director Jonas Akerlund.

He's most well known for his long-time working relationship with Madonna. But lately, his music videos for Lady Gaga have been earning the most attention. There's Paparazzi, which features Alexander Skarsgård pushing the diva off a balcony. And let's not forget Telephone, the controversial but wildly good 10-minute blockbuster that has Beyoncé and Gaga raising hell as pop music's answer to Thelma and Louise. Akerlund — who will chair the global jury for the Metro Video Challenge — opens up about his body of work.

Q Would you say that the music video has made a comeback of sorts?

A It's funny because I kind of lost interest in them for a while because it seemed like the market didn't need music videos. We were making them and they were never shown. Young artists like Gaga and the Internet helped change the life of music videos. She brought it back to the '90s when it was fun and people watched them and actually talked about them. But it's not only Gaga, it's other videos that I've done too. Maroon 5, Rammstein, Mika, these have all been very successful videos.

Q Many media outlets claimed that your music video Telephone was based on the movie Kill Bill. Would you agree with that?

A Kill Bill was never an inspiration. The only reason why people say that is because we had the car that was used in the movie. We were meant to have a different car. But just a few days before the shoot, Quentin Tarantino offered to let us use the one from Kill Bill. The whole comparison was kind of a compliment but there's a lot more to say about that video than just the car.

Music video director Jonas Akerlund is known for his work with Madonna and Lady Gaga.

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Blunt Denial

Emily Blunt turned down a role in Captain America because she didn't want to commit to a franchise, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The British actress was linked to the role of Peggy Carter, Captain America's love interest. The role went to Hayley Atwell instead. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Banking on the blockbuster

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

As we move towards summer, it seems summer moves closer to us — in terms of Hollywood anyway.

In anticipation of the blockbuster season, Hollywood is increasingly front-loading the summer with its bulkiest movies.

This year, studios are particularly pushing sequels, adaptations and remakes banking on recognized brands to bring bucks to the box office. Here are some of summer's most massive movies:

Iron Man 2 (May 7): The superhero blockbuster that kicked off the 2008 summer season returns and even the least comic-book savvy are getting excited to see the real man of steel.

Robin Hood (May 14): Ridley Scott re-teams with his Gladiator star Russell Crowe to re-imagine the classic story of one medieval man's quest to steal from the rich and give to the poor.

Shrek Forever After (May 21): Everyone's favourite lime-green ogre is back for a fourth flick ensuring Mike Myers will be able to make his mortgage payments for another year.

Sex and the City 2 (May 27): Carrie Bradshaw and the ladies reunite but move the glamorous party from Manhattan to Abu Dhabi. Presumably, Detroit wasn't sexy enough.

The A-Team (June 11): There are no in-betweens: Either you are giddy as a schoolgirl or gagging at the thought of this remake of the campy '80s TV show that starred master thespian Mr. T.

Karate Kid (June 11): Move over Ralph Macchio, Jaden Smith has come to town! In this remake of the 1984 classic, Will Smith's son stars as a martial arts prodigy to Jackie Chan.

Toy Story 3 (June 18): Buzz Lightyear, Woody and the rest of the toys find themselves in a day-care centre in this long-awaited third instalment to Pixar's hugely successful franchise.

Eclipse (June 30): The third chapter in the beloved Twilight saga, this series has turned both vampires and Robert Pattinson into teen obsessions. Coincidence? I wonder.

The Last Airbender (July 2): After 2008's disappointing The Happening, M. Night Shyamalan has his work cut out for him. Perhaps this adaptation of Nickelodeon's Asian-influenced TV series is just the remedy for salvation.

Predators (July 9): A return to Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1987 thriller, this spooky sci-fi franchise gets a face-lift thanks to producer Robert Rodriguez (Sin City).

Sex and the City 2, above, Iron Man 2, above right, and Toy Story 3, right, are among the movie sequels that Hollywood studios are pushing during this summer's blockbuster season.

Other notables

- MacGruber (May 21)
- Prince of Persia (May 28)
- Marmaduke (June 4)
- Despicable Me (July 9)
- Salt (July 23)
- The Expendables (Aug. 13)

Peanuts sold to Joe Boxer owner

You've got a new owner, Charlie Brown.

E.W. Scripps Co. said yesterday it will sell the unit that owns the licensing rights to Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang for $175 million US to Joe Boxer owner Iconix Brand Group Inc.

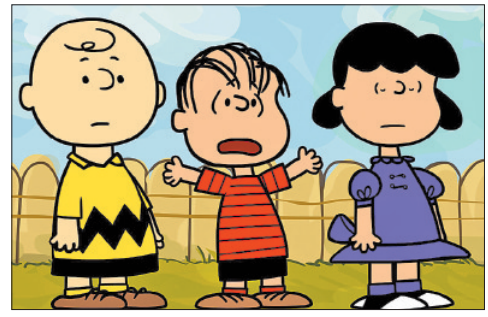
The sale of United Media Licensing also means Iconix has a new partnership with the family of the late Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz. They'll receive 20 per cent ownership in the unit that owns Peanuts and pay that percentage of the sale price.

United Media Licensing represents other character brands such as Dilbert and Fancy Nancy but the bulk of its licensing business comes from Peanuts.

The Peanuts gang appears everywhere — on T-shirts, greeting cards and sno-cone machines — six decades after the Minnesota native created them. The business has more than 1,200 licensing agreements and relationships with companies and retailers such as Warner Bros., Old Navy, CVS, MetLife Inc. and Hallmark Co. Some 20,000 new products are approved each year in more than 40 countries.

Scripps first brought the strip to market in 1950. By the time Schulz retired in 1999, Peanuts was in more than 2,600 papers. Schulz died in February 2000.

Iconix, formerly known as Candie's, expects Peanuts to generate about $75 million in annual revenue and noted a pre-existing revenue share with the Schulz family, separate from the new 20 per cent deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Inspiring girls to be comic book characters

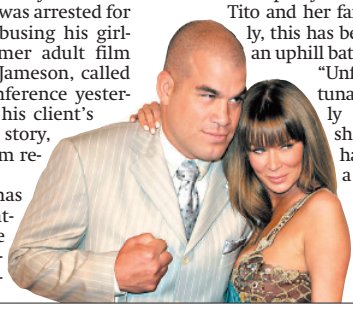
Iron Man 2 actress Scarlett Johansson — who plays secret agent Natalie Romanova in the forthcoming sequel — enjoyed getting the chance to play a strong female character and hopes the film is inspirational for young girls, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Ortiz comes out fighting

TOO SOON? A lawyer for Tito Ortiz, who was arrested for allegedly abusing his girlfriend, former adult film star Jenna Jameson, called a press conference yesterday to tell his client's side of the story, EOnline.com reports.

"Jenna has been fighting a battle with OxyContin addiction for the past year. For Tito and her family, this has been an uphill battle. "Unfortunately ... she had a relapse," the mixed-martial-arts fighter's attorney said.



Jenna fired back at the father of her children, saying that his allegations are "completely false," according to TMZ. Jameson's father called 911 yesterday, after Ortiz allegedly struck his daughter. She had "visible injuries" to her arm after the incident.

Ortiz has since been released on $25,000 US bail.

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Bret Micheals is still with us

SO IS THAT ICKY FEELING FROM WATCHING ROCK OF LOVE Bret Michaels continues to remain in critical condition after suffering a brain hemorrhage last Thursday, his rep tells UsMagazine.com.

"There's a rumour out there that Bret passed," says the rep.

"It isn't true."

Sharon Osbourne, Michaels' costar on NBC's Celebrity Apprentice, has known the former Poison front man, 47, for 30 years. What's happened to him is "just hideous," she told UsMagazine.com Monday at the NBC Universal Summer Press Day in Pasadena, Calif.

"It's devastating, and it makes you feel all these different feelings. Your heart goes out to his family, your heart goes out to him. He's the nicest guy in the world."

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Duff isn't dashing up the aisle

SHE'S ONE CHILLED PUCK BUNNY Hilary Duff may be a crazy fan when she's cheering for her hockey-player fiancé Mike Comrie but when it comes to wedding planning, the actress is a lot more calm, people.com reports.

"She's really relaxed and wants something comfortable and great," big sister Haylie Duff said Monday at the Tribeca Film Festival premiere of the documentary Earth Made of Glass. "She's just so excited to be engaged."

Comrie, 29, who plays for the Edmonton Oilers, proposed to Hilary, 22, over Christmas in Hawaii. Four months later, she and her sister are still in the early stages of planning the nuptials.

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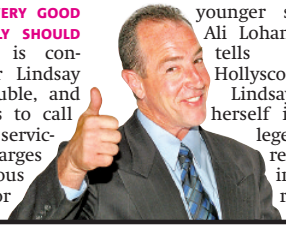
Michael Lohan deals with his family issues

IN COURT, LIKE EVERY GOOD HOLLYWOOD FAMILY SHOULD Michael Lohan is convinced daughter Lindsay Lohan is in trouble, and his next step is to call child protection services on her over charges she's a dangerous influence for younger sister Ali Lohan, he tells Hollyscoop.



Lindsay herself is allegedly readying a restraining order against Michael.

But her father isn't worried.

"I spoke to their lawyers and they told me they have no grounds to get a restraining order," he says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Home is where the heart is

HE HAS 11 DIFFERENT HOMES Jesse James is home from rehab after a month in an Arizona facility, and according to Radar Online, he was spotted without his wedding ring on.

Those close to the Monster Garage host say he knows his time is up.

"Jesse is finally admitting to himself that he blew it," a source says.

"The marriage is over and he only has himself to blame."

Though they'd been staying with estranged wife Sandra Bullock while he was in treatment, James' three children returned to his Southern California home to greet him.

METRO WORLD NEWS

She's fallen and can't get up

LUCKILY SHE HAS LOTS OF BUILT-IN PADDING TO CUSHION HER FALL Amy Winehouse was hospitalized again recently after night out led to a nasty fall that caused damage to her ribs, forehead and recently augmented breasts, according to the Sun.

"She'd had a few drinks. At first she thought she had broken something, so she got her security to take her to hospital," a source says.

"The doctors were worried she might be concussed because she had a big bump on her head and a cut above her eye."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jackson splits up the kids

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO PROTECT MY INTERESTS, I MEAN, MICHAEL'S KIDS Katherine Jackson has reportedly lost patience with some of her grandchildren, moving them out of her California home, according to TMZ.

While she has custody of late son Michael Jackson's three children, Katherine has arranged for Jacksons Jaafar, Jermajesty, Donte and Randy Jr. to be moved to a condominium owned by the family, according to the website. Sources claim the decision was prompted by Jaafar allegedly pointing a stun gun at Michael's children.

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Clarification

- Yesterday Metro ran a story about Melissa Smith, one of Jesse James' alleged mistresses, but the photo with the item was not of the Melissa Smith referred to in the story. Metro apologizes for the error.

Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

Today, **BILLY CORGAN** is fed up with Courtney Love, **COURTNEY LOVE** tries to play nice with Billy Corgan, and **SPENCER PRATT** isn't pleased that Lauren Conrad is returning to The Hills.

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@CourtneyLoveUK @billy all i am is nice about you so if you wanna be mean be mean i dont feel anything

@spencerpratt @laurenconrad stop trying to get famous you haven't been relevant since laguna beach. You need ghost writers pretend you can spell or read.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

One hot momma

GETTIN' ALL GOOPY Gwyneth Paltrow is looking to expand her brood.

"I would love to have another child at some point. I feel very, very lucky that I have two healthy, nice ones," she tells Ellen DeGeneres.

"They're great, they're so sweet," she says of her son and daughter, Moses and Apple, with Coldplay frontman Chris Martin.

METRO WORLD NEWS

CLUE – Where the CMA ended up after his interview

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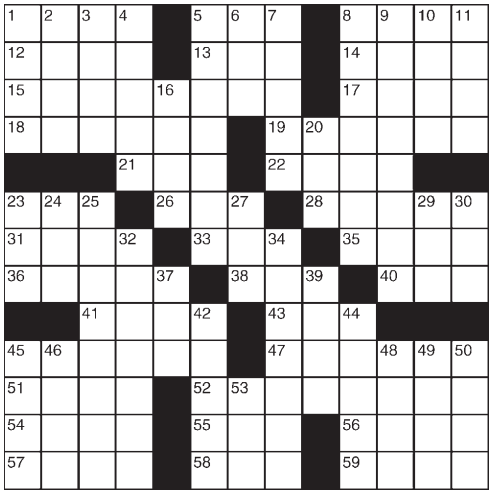
Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host – Breakfast Television
"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes." **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**

Take Five



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2 Imperfection
3 Stench
4 Clark's partner
5 Generous
6 Historic time
7 Two under par
8 Fruit-filled dessert
9 Boxers punch it for practice
10 Zits
11 Spinning sound
16 Hammer's target
20 Peculiar
23 Speedometer stat
24 Actress MacGraw
25 Leftovers holder
27 Silent
29 Whatever number
30 Sleep phenom
32 At each other's — (fighting)
34 Photocopied
37 Part of R.S.V.P.
39 Sported
42 Florida city
44 The — the line
45 Prepare to travel
46 Lotion additive
48 Competent
49 Story
50 "Zounds!"
53 Charged bit

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4				2		
		7	5		2	1		
1				4				9
	6	1	2		9	5	4	
	4	9	7		8	3	1	
6				8				1
		2	3		6	4		
		5				8		

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

W	E	A	R		C	A	B		S	K	E	W
A	L	I	E		O	V	A		U	N	T	O
S	U	R	V	I	V	O	R		R	E	N	O
P	L	Y		D	E	W		B	R	E	A	D
			S	L	Y		F	O	E			
I	S	S	U	E		D	O	W	N	I	N	G
T	H	O	R		B	O	X		D	R	U	B
S	E	L	F	I	S	H		L	E	A	N	S
			B	R	A		E	A	R			
C	R	O	O	K		H	A	M		H	U	B
L	A	M	A		S	U	R	P	R	I	S	E
A	G	E	R		P	E	T		E	Y	E	D
M	E	N	D		A	S	H		D	A	D	S

7	3	5	2	1	4	8	9	6
6	9	1	8	5	3	4	2	7
8	4	2	7	6	9	5	1	3
4	8	9	1	3	2	7	6	5
1	6	7	5	4	8	9	3	2
5	2	3	6	9	7	1	8	4
9	7	4	3	2	1	6	5	8
2	1	6	4	8	5	3	7	9
3	5	8	9	7	6	2	4	1

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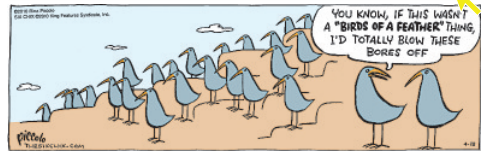

Metro Recipe of the Day

Lentils and Sausage

INGREDIENTS:
2 1/2 cups lower-sodium beef broth
1 cup dried lentils, sorted and rinsed
170 g smoked turkey sausage, sliced
1 large potato, peeled and cubed
1 large yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp dried basil leaves
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper

METHOD:
1. In large pot, bring beef broth to boil over high heat. Stir in lentils. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes.

2. Add sausage, potato, onion, garlic, basil, salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until lentils and potato are tender.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The way you look at the world has been changing and today's full moon will make it easier for you to accept that things have changed.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The next 24 hours will be critical for a relationship that has been going through a bad patch recently. Be honest about your feelings.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
What you are working on may be interesting but it is only a small part of the bigger picture, so raise your sights occasionally.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's full moon cuts across the most creative axis of your chart and will encourage you to embark on a brand new adventure.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can learn a great deal from watching other people today, especially people you live with and work with.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you make an effort to talk to people today you will discover some interesting things, not only about them but also about yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If your instincts tell you to follow a certain course of action then that is what you must do. What other people think about it is of secondary importance.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Today's full moon in your sign is a powerful influence and one that has the potential to cause a great deal of disruption.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
The only reason you are worried about something is because you have no control over it. Accept that fact and stop fighting against it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Try not to waste your time and your energy arguing with people who don't share your values. Today you will not find common ground.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
As the current full moon cuts across the home and career axis of your chart you will have to make room for both domestic and vocational aspirations.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You are a lot more sensitive than you like to admit but there will be no hiding your feelings today.

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